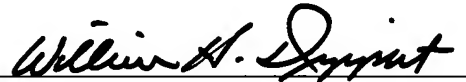


REMARKS

Consistent with the Amendment filed October 23, 2003, Applicants cancel Claims 1 to 8 above. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9 to 17 are respectfully requested.

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